

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST CONTINUATION SHEET
U.S. 301 SOUTH CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Property Name: John N. Walls House
Survey No.: PG: 85A-23 (PACS B65)

Property Address 16210 McKendree Road, Brandywine vicinity, Prince George's County
Owner Name/Address Mrs. Frederick Kissinger, 16210 McKendree Road, Brandywine, Maryland 20613
Year Built circa 1850

Description:

The John N. Walls House was previously surveyed by the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission in September 1985. Since the time of the previous survey there have been no changes to the house or outbuildings.

National Register Evaluation:

The John N. Walls Property, previously surveyed by the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission in September 1985, is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C. The house has been altered and expanded to such an extent that much of its historic character has been changed. The enclosing of the front porch and the construction of additions have changed the form and massing of the original structure and have also introduced architectural elements out of character with the original design intent. Finally, based upon the date of construction and the property type, there is a likelihood that an archaeological component could exist on the property. However, as no archaeological investigation has been conducted, the eligibility of the property under Criterion D cannot be assessed at this time.

MHT CONCURRENCE:

Eligibility recommended X not recommended

Criteria A B C D Considerations A B C D E F G None

Comments: _____

Suzanne Pickens

07/21/1997

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

B. Kuntz 7/21/97

Reviewer, NR program

Date

Preparer:

P.A.C. Spero & Company

September 1996

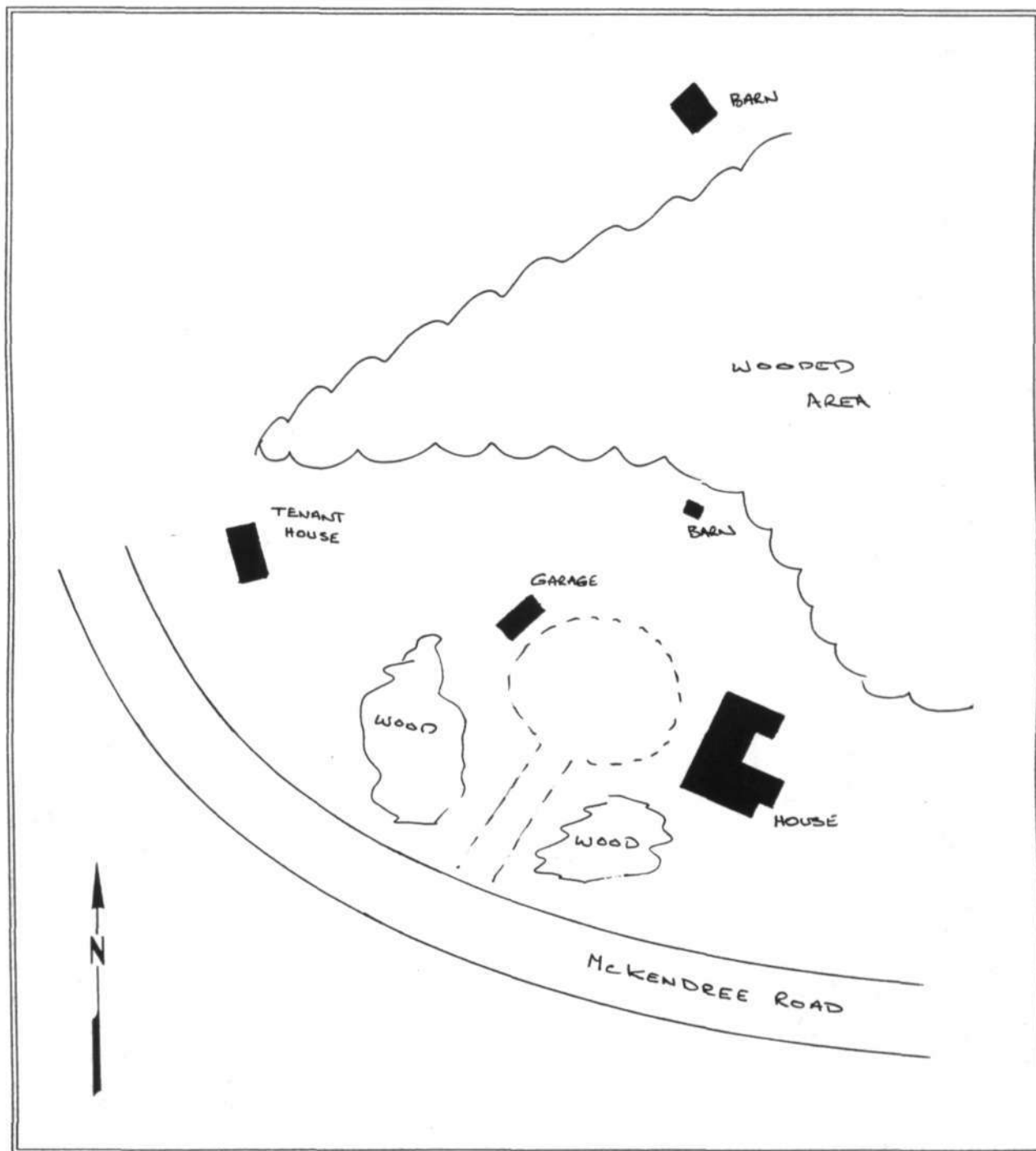
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Resource Sketch Map:



U.S. 301 South Corridor

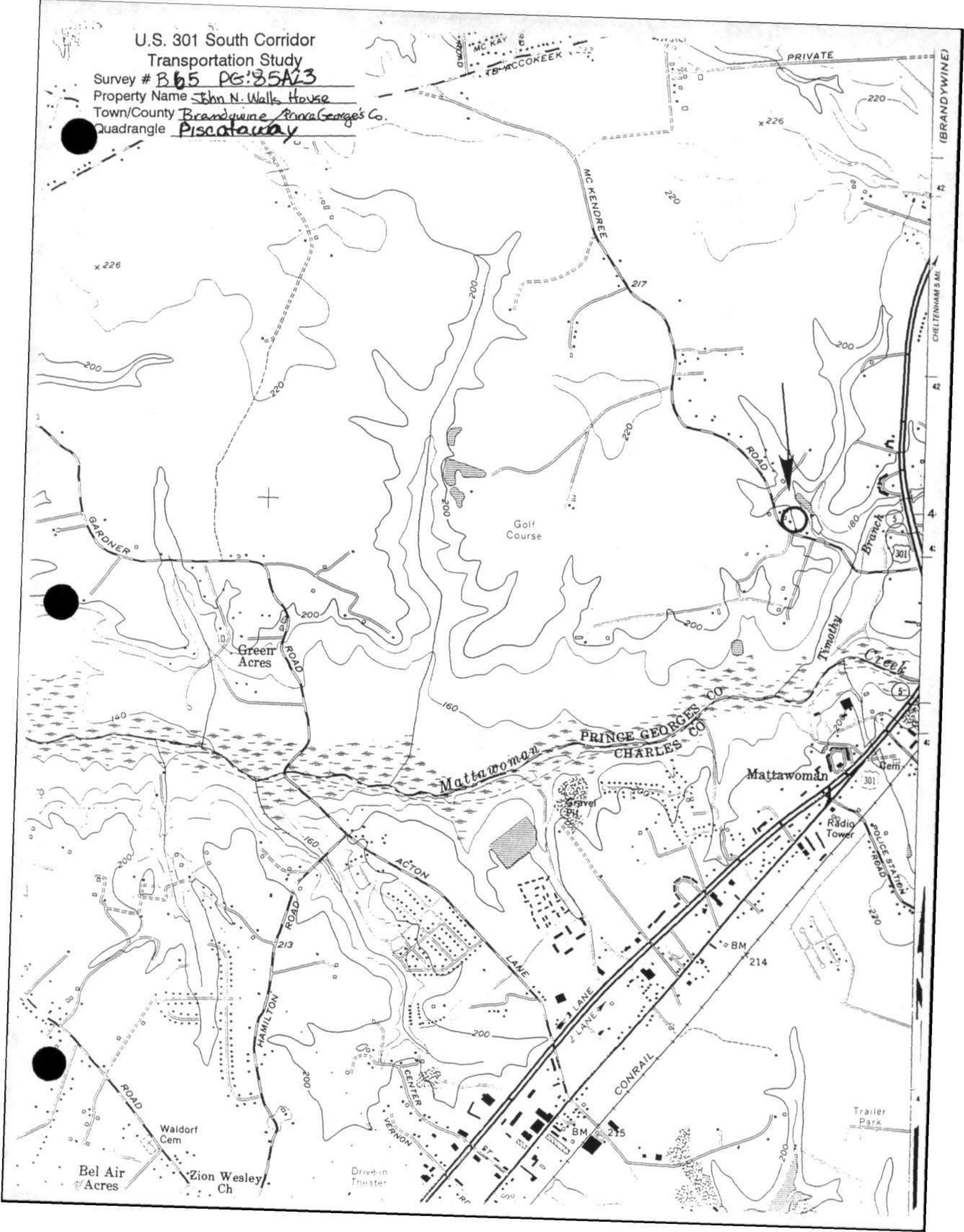
Transportation Study

Survey # B65 PG:85A23

Property Name John N. Walls House

Town/County Brandywine Prince Georges Co.

Quadrangle Piscataway





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2 John N Walls House, Prince Georges County, MD

3 Ryan McKay, 9/96

4 P.A.C Spero & Company 40 W Chesapeake Ave.
412 Baltimore, MD 21204

5 16210 McKendree Road North and east
elevations of house, Southwest View

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1 PG: 85-A-23

2 John N Walls Howe, Prince Georges Co., MD

3 Ryan McKay, 9/9/

4 P.A.C Spero + Company, 40 W. Chesapeake
Ave #412, Baltimore, MD 21204

5 16 210 McLandree Road West elevation of
House Southeast view

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1 PG: 85A-23

2 John N Walls House, Prince Georges Co., MD

3 Bryan McKays 9/96

4 P.A.C Spero & Company, 40 W. Chesapeake Ave
#412, Baltimore, MD 21204

5 16210 McKendree Road South and west
elevations of House North east View.

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1. PG: 85A-23
2. John N Wells House
Prince George's County, MD
3. Ryan McKay, 9/96
4. P.A.C. Spero & company, 410. W. Chesapeake
Ave, Ste 412, Baltimore Md 21204
5. 16 210 McKendree Road Barn,
North View
6. 4 of 8



1. PG:85A-23

2. John N. Walls + House

3 Ryan McKay, 9/96
Prince George's County, MD

4 P.A.C. Spero & company, 40. W. Chesapeake Ave,
Ste 412, Baltimore, Md 21204

5 16210 McKendree Road: Garage,
Northwest View

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1. PG185A-23

2. John N. Walls House
Prince Georges County, MD

3. Ryan McKay, 9194

4. P.A.R. Spero & Company, 40 W. Chesapeake
Ave, Ste 412, Towson MD 21204

5. 16210 McLeandre Road South elevation
of house, North view

6. 6 of 8



1. PG: 85A-23

2. John N Wallis, Jr Prince George's
County

3. Ryan McKay, 9/96

4. P.A.C. Spero & Co, 40 W. Chesapeake Ave,
#412, Balto, ind 21201

5 16 210, McKendree Road
Hill Road Tenant house South
east view

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1. PG: 85A-23
2. John N. Wallis House Prince Georges
County, MD
3. Ryan McKay, 9/96
4. P.A.C. Spero + Co, 410 W. Chesapeake Ave,
#412, Balto, Md 21204
- 5 16210 McEndree Road Northeast
VI-Barn, Northeast view.

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey: PG# 85A-23 Building Date: Mid-19th, early 20th-century

Building Name: F. A. Rowe House

Location: 16210 McKendree Road, Brandywine, MD

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/Inaccessible

Description

The F. A. Rowe House is a multi-part frame house set on a small rise above McKendree Road. It consists of a two-story cross-gabled structure in the shape of an L, to which another gable-roof section has been added at right angles, making the configuration of a squared C. The main block is an irregular five bays by one bay, with entrance in the central bay of the five-bay south facade. Across the south facade is a one-story shed-roof porch, which is fully enclosed to form a sunroom. At the east gable end is an exterior block-and-brick chimney, which replaces an original interior chimney; it is stuccoed and painted white. The German wood siding of the house is covered with grained white vinyl siding; windows are 6/6 double hung sash, with plain wide vinyl surrounds and green louvered vinyl shutters. There is a two-story rear ell wing, three bays by two, at right angles to the main block, its west facade flush with the west gable end of the main block. Attached to the east facade of the ell, and running east is a second two-story gable-roof wing. Material and fenestration of the wings are the same as those of the main block. The house stands on landscaped grounds, with a garage, bake oven, small barn and small tenant house within the larger 50-acre property.

Significance

The F. A. Rowe House is a multi-part house which has been expanded in an unusual way from a small nineteenth-century dwelling into a complex building. The original house was probably the easterly 3/5 of the main block. It is possible that this section was the home of John T. Boswell, who lived on this 273-acre tract in the 1840s. The property passed to Boswell's daughter and her husband John N. Walls, but in 1859 suit was brought against Walls and the farm was sold. The new owner was F. A. Rowe, a schoolteacher-turned-farmer whose family resided on the property until the end of the century. It was the home of Mary Baden's family during the early twentieth century, by then considerably enlarged with a rear ell wing, and later the north wing added to the ell. In 1941 the house and 160 acres were sold to Marco DeCesaris, and it was he who rebuilt the east chimney and who enclosed the south porch. Since 1951 the property has been the residence of the Kissinger family who have maintained the house in its enlarged and modernized condition. The house is a noticeable landmark, but it has been renovated over time to the extent that its historic character is no longer recognizable.

Acreage: 50.27 acres

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Survey No. PG#85A-23

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (Indicate preferred name)

historic (John N. Walls House)

and/or common F. A. Rowe House

2. Location

street & number 16206 McKendree Road

city, town Brandywine vicinity of congressional district 5

state MD county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> x </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u> X </u> building(s)	<u> x </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u> x </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u> x </u> not applicable	<u> x </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mrs. Kathryn Kissinger

street & number 16206 McKendree Road telephone no.

city, town Brandywine state MD zip code 20613

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Administration Bldg. liber 3511

street & number 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive folio 349

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD zip code 20772

6. Representation in Existing

title Prince George's County Historic Sites and District Plan

date 1992 federal state x county local

depository for survey records Planning and Preservation Section, M-NCPPC

City, town Upper Marlboro state MD

7. Description

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Condition		Check One	Check One
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved Date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Description

The F. A. Rowe House is a multi-part frame house set on a small rise above McKendree Road. It consists of a two-story cross-gabled structure in the shape of an L, to which another gable-roof section has been added at right angles, making the configuration of a squared C.

The side-gabled main block is an irregular five bays by one bay, with entrance in the central bay of the five-bay south facade. Across the south facade is a one-story shed-roof porch that is fully enclosed; this enclosed porch has four pairs of 6/6 double-hung-sash windows, with a door in the center. At the east gable end is an exterior brick-and-block chimney, with weatherings at second-story level. The chimney (which replaces an original interior chimney) is stuccoed and painted white. The German wood siding of the main block is covered with grained white vinyl siding, as are the walls of the enclosed south porch. Windows are 6/6 double-hung-sash, with plain wide vinyl surrounds, and green louvered vinyl shutters. The roof is covered with green asphalt shingle and has a deep overhang at the eaves. There is no decorative cornice. Foundations appear to be concrete block; there is no basement beneath the main block.

Interior of the main block exhibits many early-to-mid-twentieth-century decorative features, such as the interior doors and moldings, and in particular the main staircase, which rises along the east wall of the main west parlor. The enclosed south porch has been converted into a sunroom on the west, and an extension of the parlor/living room to the east of the entrance.

There is a two-story rear ell wing, with the ridge of its gable roof at right angles to that of the main block, and its west facade flush with the west gable end of the main block. The materials and fenestration of this wing are the same as those of the main block; there is, however, a basement space under the ell. The foundations appear to be brick, reinforced with concrete block. The ell is three bays long and its north gable end is two bays wide. On the west facade of this ell wing is a one-story hip-roof enclosed porch, with entrance in the third bay of its four-bay width.

Attached to the east elevation of the ell wing, and running east is a second two-story gable-roof wing, parallel with the main block. Its east gable end is one bay wide, and it adds an additional two bays to the length of the north elevation. There is an interior corbelled brick chimney at its ridge. Partially filling the space inside the C configuration, and attached to the north elevation of the main block, is a one-story concrete-block enclosed porch; it is sheathed as is the rest of the building with white grained vinyl siding.

A paved driveway leads from McKendree Road to a wider paved area west of the house. Immediately west of this paved area is a four-bay side-gabled garage, dating from the 1940s. It is sheathed with white grained vinyl siding, with green corrugated metal roof.

A short distance north of the house is a small front-gabled barn, with plain horizontal board siding painted white; a sliding window, with two six-pane sashes, lights the loft level on the south. There is a shed-roof porch on each of the south and north ends; the main entrance is on the south, while on the north there are two garage doors. The gable roof is covered with green corrugated metal. Between the house and this small barn is a concrete-capped well.

To the west of the small barn, on the same property but fronting on McKendree Road northwest of the principal driveway, is a small frame tenant house. It is side-gabled and one-story high, covered with stucco painted white; a shed-roof screened porch projects from the rear of this small cottage. At a distance in the wooded area to the north is a deteriorating gambrel-roof tobacco barn, within the circa 50-acre parcel of land, but not visible from the main house in summer months.

East of the main house, on a line with the northeast wing, is a small brick bake oven with two oven openings in its west face. This oven has a domed roof and a tall corbelled brick stack centered in its east (rear) wall.

The grounds of the F.A. Rowe house are carefully landscaped, with mature magnolia, holly and several pine trees in the front, and chestnut, dogwood, cherry, and more pine trees to the rear. Adjacent to this property on the east, a row of three small mid-twentieth-century side-gabled cottages stretches along McKendree Road in this still rural area. To the south, across the road from the Rowe House, is a farm with paddock, barns and riding ring.

8. Significance

Survey No. PG#85A-23

Period	Areas of Significance- check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (local history)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2000		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		
Specific Dates mid-19th, early 20th century		Builder/Architect:		
check: Applicable Criteria	A	B	C	D
and/or				
Applicable Exception	A	B	C	D
Level of Significance	national	state	local	

Significance

The F. A. Rowe House is a multi-section house that has been expanded in an unusual way from a small nineteenth-century dwelling into a complex building. It has been modernized to the extent that its historic character is no longer recognizable, but it is a noticeable landmark on the old road from Charles County to the site of McKendree Church.

The original house was probably the easterly 3/5 of the main block, i.e., the east parlor and stairhall. This parlor was warmed by an interior chimney at the ridge, later dismantled and replaced by the modern exterior chimney. It is possible that this section was the home of John T. Boswell, who lived on this 272-acre tract in the 1840s;¹ the house has been so renovated, however, that it is impossible without destructive investigation to determine whether any of the original fabric may date from that early period. The property passed to Joanna, daughter of John T. Boswell, and her husband John N. Walls. In 1859, however, suit was brought against Walls in the Court of Equity, and the 272-acre farm was sold.² The new owner was F. A. Rowe, a schoolteacher-turned-farmer who had come to the area from Charles County in 1856. The Rowe family made this their home until the end of the century.³

For the first third of the twentieth century, this was the home of Mary C. Baden and her family. By now the house was considerably enlarged, with a rear cross-gable ell, and later the north wing at right

¹ Prince George's County Deed JBB#5:210; Estate file #159

² Prince George's County Equity #270

³ Prince George's County Deeds HB#11:680, JB#8:240, #338:454. Federal Census Records for Prince George's County, ED#11, 1870, 1880. G. M. Hopkins Atlas of Prince George's County, 1878.

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Statement of Significance (continued)

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angles to the ell. In 1941 the house and 160 acres were sold to Marco DeCesaris, whose business was in building supplies.⁴ It was he, reportedly, who dismantled and rebuilt (on the exterior) the east chimney of the main block, and who enclosed the south porch, thus creating an additional sitting room. The DeCesaris family also built the bake oven (still standing) just east of the house, where they baked the family bread. They also constructed a small cinder-block manufactory (no longer standing) near the small front-gabled barn.⁵ Many of the interior renovations were done during the DeCesaris family ownership.

After the death of Marco DeCesaris, a fifty-acre portion of the DeCesaris property, including the house and grounds, was sold to Frederick and Kathryn Kissinger. The Kissingers built the garage and planted many of the now mature trees on the immediate grounds of the house.⁶ Over nearly fifty years of the Kissinger family residence, the house remains in the same configuration in which they purchased it. They have added synthetic siding, and have have maintained the house in excellent condition.

Today, most of the original Rowe family farmland has been sold, and a row of small mid-twentieth-century houses stretches to the east along McKendree Road. The Rowe House stands on a 50-acre parcel, in a prominent position above the old road from Charles County. The house has been expanded and modernized to the extent that its historic character is no longer recognizable, but it is a noticeable landmark in this still rural area.

⁴ Prince George's County Will WTD#3:291; Prince George's County Deed #596:363.

⁵ Interview with Kathryn Kissinger, May 1985 and September 2001.

⁶ *Ibid.*; Prince George's County Deeds #1402:227; #3511: 345, 349.

9. Major Biographical

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See notes, Item 8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 50.27 acres

Tax Map 164, Parcel 16

Quadrangle name Piscataway

Quadrangle scale

A				B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name title	Susan G. Pearl, Research/Architectural Historian		
organization	Prince George's County	date	September 1985, September 2001
	Historic Preservation Commission		
street & number	c/o M-NCPPC, 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive	telephone	(301) 952-3521
city or town	Upper Marlboro	state	MD 20772

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

Return to: Maryland Historical Trust
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #85A-23 Building Date: mid. 19th c.,
early 20th c.
Building Name: F.A. Rowe House
Location: 16210 McKendree Road, Brandywine, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The F.A. Rowe House is a multi-part frame house set on a small rise above McKendree Road. It consists of a two-story cross-gabled structure in the shape of an L, to which another gable-roof section has been added at right angles, making the configuration of a squared C. The main block is an irregular five bays by one bay, with entrance in the central bay of the five bay south facade. Across the south facade is a one-story shed roofed porch, which is fully enclosed with concrete block. At the east gable end is an exterior brick chimney, with weatherings at second story level. The chimney (which replaces an original interior chimney) is stuccoed and painted white. The siding is German painted white. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash, with plain board surrounds painted dark green. There is a two-story rear ell wing, three bays by two bays, with the ridge of its gable roof at right angles to that of the main block, and its west facade flush with the west gable end of the main block. The materials and fenestration of this wing are the same as those of the main block; there is, however, a basement space under the ell. Attached to the east facade of the ell, and running east is a second two-story gable roofed wing. It is two bays long and its east gable end is one bay wide.

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Acreage: 43.11 acres

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Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John N. Walls House

and/or common F. A. Rowe House

2. Location

street & number 16210 McKendree Road not for publicationcity, town Brandywine vicinity of congressional district 4state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u>X</u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture <u> </u> museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial <u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <u>X</u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <u> </u> transportation
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u>X</u> no	<u> </u> military <u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mrs. Frederick Kissinger

street & number 16210 McKendree Road telephone no.:

city, town Brandywine, state and zip code MD. 20613

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 3511

street & number Main Street folio 349

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 federal state X county local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state MD. 20737

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The F.A. Rowe House is a multi-part frame house set on a small rise above McKendree Road. It consists of a two-story cross-gabled structure in the shape of an L, to which another gable-roof section has been added at right angles, making the configuration of a squared C. The main block is an irregular five bays by one bay, with entrance in the central bay of the five bay (main) south facade. Across the south facade is a one-story shed roofed porch, which is fully enclosed with concrete block. It has four pairs of 6/6 double hung sash windows, with a door in the center. At the east gable end is an exterior brick chimney, with weatherings at second story level. The chimney (which replaces an original interior chimney) is stuccoed and painted white. The siding is German painted white. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash, with plain board surrounds painted dark green. There are no shutters. The roof is covered with green asphalt shingle and has a deep overhang at the eaves. There is no decorative cornice. Foundations appear to be concrete block; there is no basement.

There is a two-story rear ell wing, with the ridge of its gable roof at right angles to that of the main block, and its west facade flush with the west gable end of the main block. The materials and fenestration of this wing are the same as those of the main block; there is, however, a basement space under the ell. The foundations appear to be brick, reinforced with concrete block. The ell is three bays long and its north gable end is two bays wide. There is a one-story hip-roofed enclosed porch on the west facade.

Attached to the east facade of the ell, and running east is a second two-story gable roofed wing. It is two bays long and its east gable end is one bay wide. There is an interior corbelled brick chimney at its ridge. Partially filling the space inside the C configuration is a one-story concrete-block enclosed porch, attached to the north facade of the main block.

A short distance north of the house is a small barn, painted white, with a porch on its south facade. To the west is a frame tenant house, and at a distance to the northwest, a gambrel-roofed tobacco barn.

8. Significance

Survey No. P.G. #85A-23

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Local History

Specific dates Mid 19th c., early 20th c. Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The F.A. Rowe house is a multi-section house which has been expanded in an unusual way from a small nineteenth century dwelling into a complex building. It has been modernized to the extent that its historic character is no longer recognizable, but it is a noticeable landmark on the old road from Charles County to the site of McKendree Church.

The original house was probably the easterly 3/5 of the main block, i.e. the east parlor and stairhall; the parlor was warmed by an interior chimney at the ridge (later dismantled and replaced by the modern exterior chimney). It is possible that this section was the home of John T. Boswell, who lived on this 273-acre tract in the 1840's¹; the house has been so renovated, however, that it is impossible without destructive investigation to determine whether any of the original fabric may date from that early period. The property passed to Joanna Boswell, daughter of John T., and her husband John N. Walls, but in 1859 suit was brought against Walls in the court of Equity, and the 273-acre farm was sold.² The new owner was F.A. Rowe, a schoolteacher turned farmer who had come to the area from Charles County in 1856. The Rowe family made this their home until the end of the century.³

For the first third of the twentieth century, this house was the home of Mary C. Baden and her family. By now the house was considerably enlarged, with a rear cross-gable wing, and later the north wing at right angles to the ell. In 1941 the house and 160 acres were sold to Marco DeCesaris, whose business was in building supplies. It was he, reportedly, who dismantled and rebuilt (on the exterior) the east chimney of the main block, and who enclosed the south porch, thus creating an additional sitting room.⁴ Today, most of the Rowe's farmland has been sold, and a row of small modern houses stretches to the east along the road in this still very rural area. The house stands on a 50-acre parcel, in a prominent position above the old road from Charles County.

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10. Geographical Data

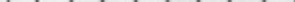
Tax Map 164, parcel 16

Quadrangle scale _____

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The figure shows three empty coordinate grids. The first grid is labeled 'Zone' and has 2 vertical lines and 2 horizontal lines, creating a 1x1 grid of 4 quadrants. The second grid is labeled 'Easting' and has 4 vertical lines and 2 horizontal lines, creating a 3x1 grid of 6 quadrants. The third grid is labeled 'Northing' and has 2 vertical lines and 4 horizontal lines, creating a 1x3 grid of 6 quadrants.

Zone Easting Northing

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state	code	county	code
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state MD. 20772

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Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Land Records JBB #5:210; Estate file #159.
- 2 Prince George's County Equity #270.
- 3 Prince George's County Land Records HB #11:680, JB #8:240; #338:454; Census for Prince George's County 1870, 1880; G.M. Hopkins Atlas of Prince George's County, 1878.
- 4 Prince George's County Will WTD #3:291; Prince George's County Land Records #596:363.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

F.A. Rowe House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

McKendree Road, near Rte. 301

CITY, TOWN

T.B. (Brandywine P.O.) — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince George's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES RESTRICTED
☒ YES UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☒ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Fred M. Kissinger

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

McKendree Road

CITY, TOWN

Brandywine

— VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Prince George's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED

DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This appears to be an old farmhouse that has undergone many changes. It appears that the oldest part is the east section, that consists of 3 bays with a large external brick chimney on the east wall. The house was doubled in width, with the addition of a two-bay extension to the west. A one-story enclosed cinder-block porch spans the entire front. Siding is German siding.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Could have been the house of F.A. Rowe shown on 1878 Atlas.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

7/25/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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CHAIN OF TITLE

P.G. #85A-23

- #3511:349
5 Sep 1967
Deed
Georgia Franks, unmarried, to Frederick M. and Kathryn S. Kissinger, as tenants by the entirety; 50.337 acres in Brandywine District; same which grantor acquired by deed recorded immediately prior hereto.
- #3511:345
15 Sep 1967
Deed
Frederick M. and Kathryn S. Kissinger to Georgia Franks, unmarried; 50.337 acres in Brandywine District; same which F. M. Kissinger acquired by #1402:227.
- #1402:227
16 Aug 1951
Deed
Thomas W. and Emma Mae Burger to Frederick M. Kissinger, unmarried; 50.337 acres; same grantors acquired by #1282:446.
- #1282:446
29 Jun 1950
Deed
Cristobel E. Hill and Francis W. Hill, Jr., trustees under the will of Frank W. Hill, to Thomas W. and Emma Mae Burger; 50.337 acres in Brandywine District; same which grantors acquired by #1083:238.
- #1083:238
3 Dec 1948
Deed
Ida DeCesaris, widow and surviving tenant by the entirety, to Christobel E. Hill and Francis W. Hill, Jr., trustees under the will of Frank W. Hill; 160 acres (with exceptions); ~~same~~ same property grantor acquired by #596:363.
- #596:363
May 1941
Deed
William D. Blalock, widower, to Marco and Ida DeCesaris, as tenants by the entireties; 160 acres (excepting 2.9 acres) in Brandywine District; same which grantor acquired by #400:113.
- #400:113
6 Jul 1933
Deed
Mary E. Gardiner et al, only heirs at law of Mary C. Baden, deceased, to William D. Blalock; 160 acres in Brandywine District as surveyed by P. R. Rupert in October 1929.
- WTD #3:291
2 May 1933
Will
Estate of Mary C. Baden who died 8 March 1933; deceased directed that her entire estate was to be divided equally among her children: Mary E. Gardiner, Francis H., Kerby A., Leo L. and Ambrose A. Baden and Marian Luers; inventory of real estate listed 170-acre farm in Brandywine District.
- #338:454
15 Nov 1929
Deed
Percival E. and Elisabeth F. Rowe to Mary C. Baden; 2 tracts in Brandywine District; all the grantor's right, as heir of F. Augustine Rowe, in the two tracts which were conveyed by other heirs to grantee by JB #8:240.
- JB #8:240
14 Jul 1899
Deed
For \$889, Martha J. Rowe et al, heirs of F. Augustine Rowe, deceased, to Mary C. Baden; 270 acres and 50 acres in Brandywine District; all the grantors' interest in 2 tracts which deceased acquired by HB #11:680 and WAJ #2:402.
- HB #11:680
2 Dec 1876
Deed
For \$1,600, William H. Gwynn and Joseph K. Roberts, Jr., substitute trustees under decree of Equity dated 4 October 1859 (Walls vs. John N. Walls), to F. Augustine Rowe; 273 acres formerly in Piscataway, but now in Brandywine District; parts of Stephen's Adventure, The Addition to the Pasture Ground, Stephen's Last Addition clear of ~~some~~ Surveys, Part of Stephen's Little Addition, Part of Chance and Chance Enlarged and Addition to Chance, Robinson's Discovery and Joseph and Priscilla.

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Elder

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Equity
#270
1859

No papers other than two receipts; index shows this suit as William H. Gwynn of Thomas, guardian, vs. John N. and Joanna E. Walls, Sale of Real Estate; decree 4 October 1859

(1861 Martenet map shows site occupied by John N. Walls)

Admin.
#468
1858

Estate of John F. Boswell who died intestate; administrator made payments to Mary C. Boswell, the deceased's minor sister, and Joanna E. Walls, wife of John N. Walls, the deceased's sister.

~~JBB #5:210~~
~~13 Mar 1848~~

Admin
#159

Estate of John T. Boswell; deceased's wife was Elizabeth A. Boswell, his orphans were John F., Joanna E. and Mary C. Boswell.

JBB #5:210
13 Mar 1848
Deed

For \$2,100, Joanna E. T. Boswell to John T. Boswell; 273 acres, "part of the land on which I now reside and which I purchased of Henry McPherson."

JBB #3:530
12 Jul 1844
Deed

For \$3,350, Henry and Elizabeth McPherson to Joanna E. Boswell; 435 acres known as part of Stephen's Adventure, the Addition to the Pasture Ground, Stephen's Last Addition Clear of Elder Surveys, part of Stephen's Little Addition, part of Chance and Chance Enlarged and Addition to Chance, Robinson's Discovery and Joseph and Priscilla.

M. MEINHARDT
4280/868
27.11 A.
P. 29

R-A

SECT. 2
1878

MCKENDEE
ROAD

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P. 76 P. 25 P. 9

OUTLOT 'A'

FRED M. KISSINGER
3511/349
5027A
P. 16

C-M

MANIBHAI R. PATEL,
ETAL
4919/708
9.01 A.
P. 23

U.S. 301

PINKNEY A.
EARNSHAW, JR.
2708/427
2365A
P. 15

STEVE G. SPARGO
5643/055
27.01 A.
P. 30

MEADOW
DRIVE

3.28 A.
P/O P. 35

R-E

R-A

1.00 A.
P. 7

RICHARD H. DOBSON
4734/988
225.03 A.
P. 10

R-A

RICHARD
473
10.
P/C

TIMOTHY

MATTANOMAN
CR.

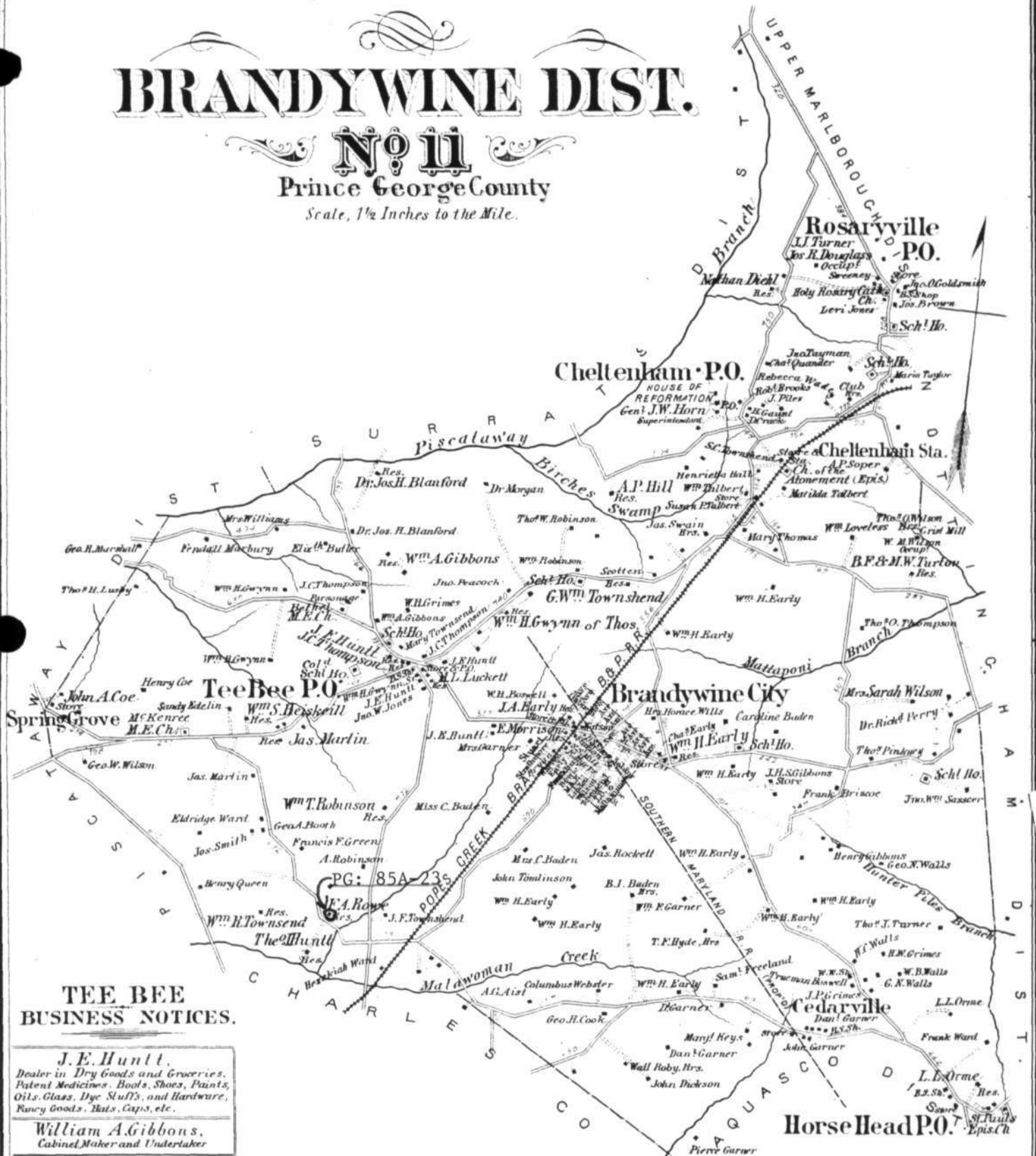
CHARLES CO.

BRANDYWINE DIST.

No. 11

Prince George County

Scale, 1 1/2 Inches to the Mile.



TEE BEE BUSINESS NOTICES.

J.E. Hunt,

Dealer in Dry Goods and Groceries,
Patent Medicines, Boots, Shoes, Paints,
Oils, Glass, Dye Stuffs, and Hardware,
Fancy Goods, Hats, Caps, etc.

William A. Gibbons,
Cabinet Maker and Undertaker

SPRING GROVE

John A. Coe,

Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries and
General Country Produce.

Note: The figures on the Roads shows the distance in Rods
from junction to junction thereof.

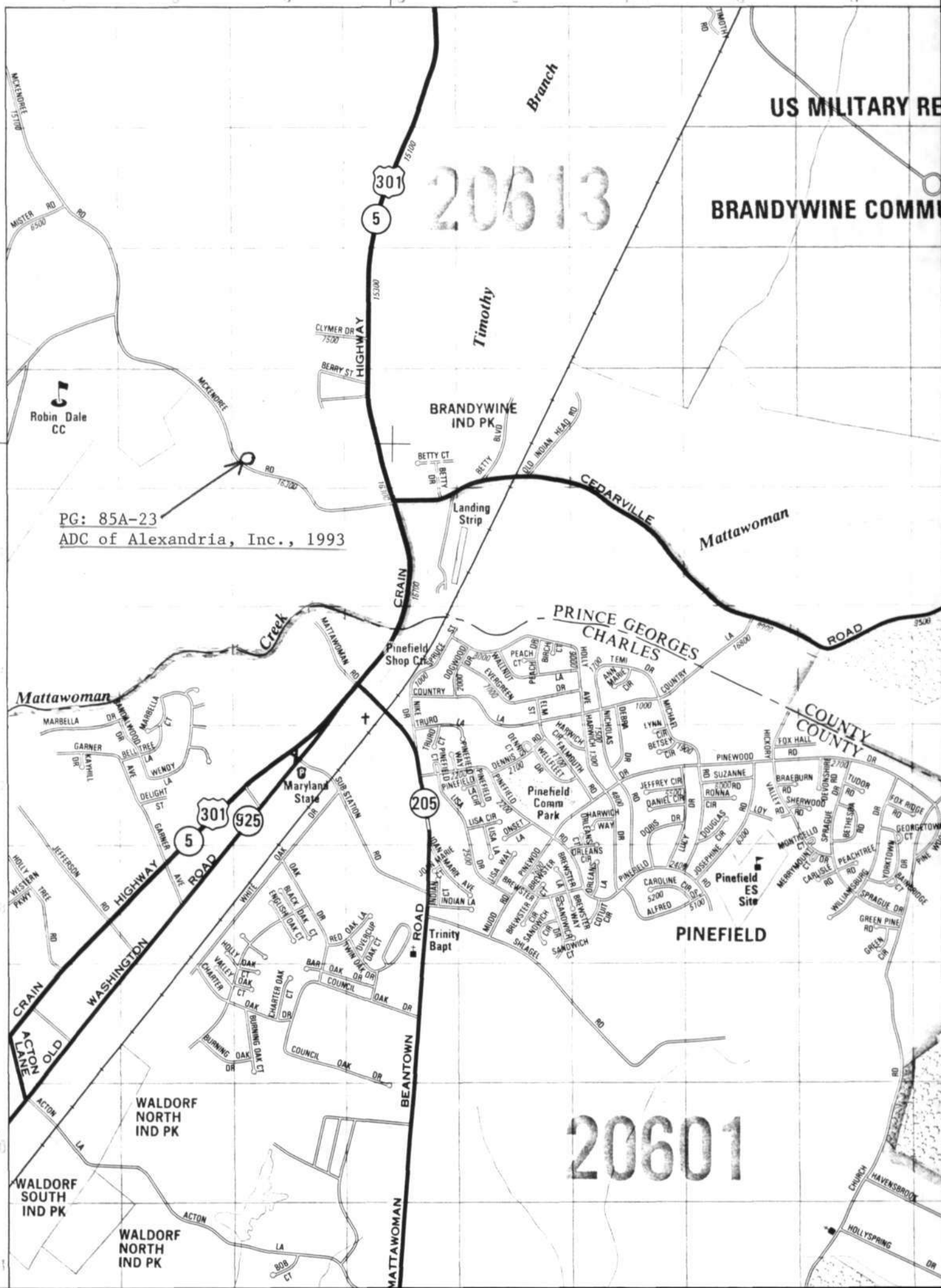


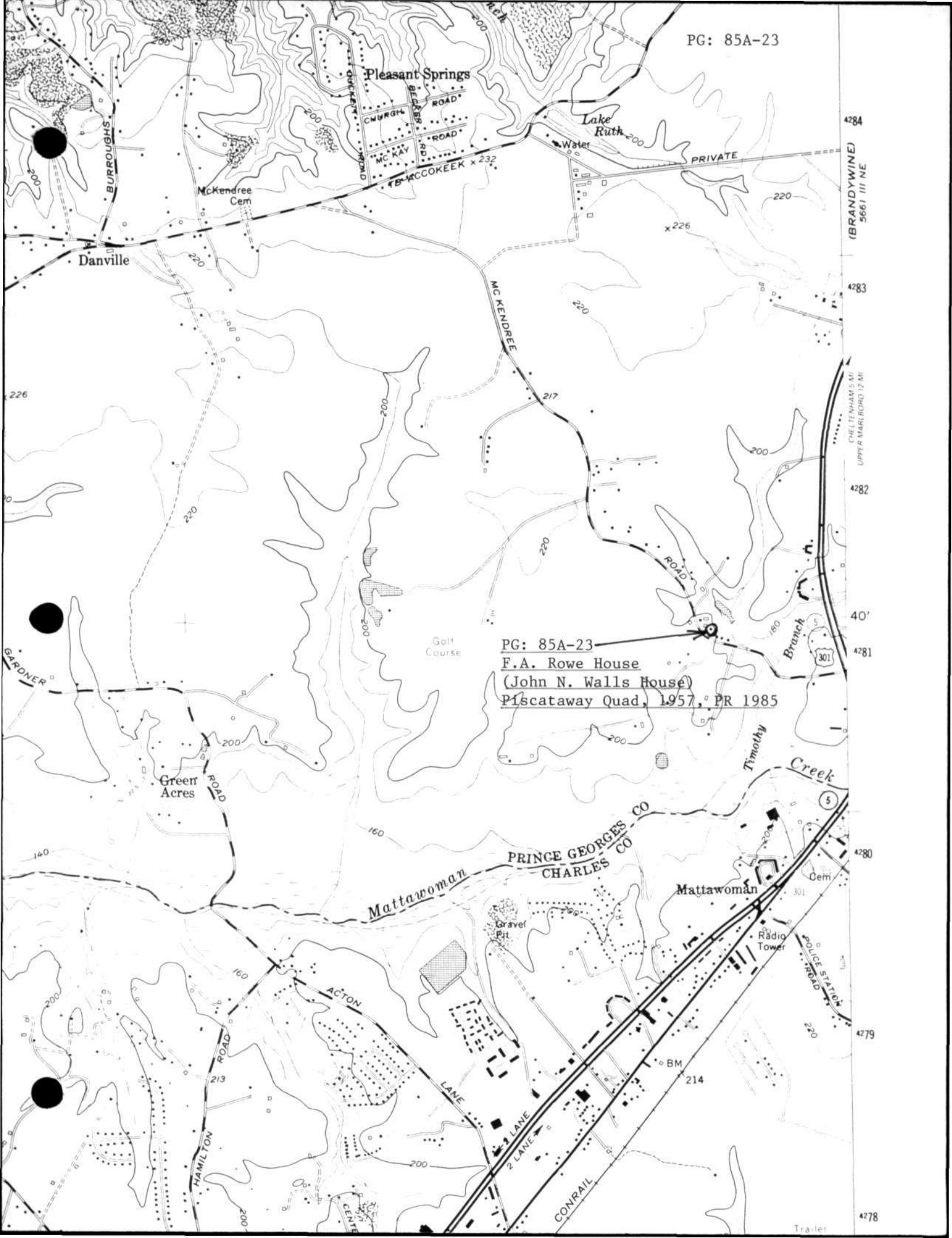
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Joins Map 38

GRID 290,000 FT





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F.A. Rowe House
(John N. Walls House)
Piscataway Quad, 1957, PR 1985

4284

(BRANDYWINE)
 5661 III NE

4283

4282

40'

4281

4280

4279

4278

Trailer



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F.A. Rowe House
Prince George's County, MD.
Susan G. Pearl
April 1985
West elevation
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F.A. Rowe House
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Northeast 3/4 elevation
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F.A. Rowe House
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East elevation
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P.G. #85A-23

F.A. Rowe House
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Susan G. Pearl
April 1985
South elevation
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NAME F.A. ROWE HOUSE (KISSINGER NOW) #85A-23

LOCATION MCKENDREE RD T.B. MD

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